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WEATHER

Tonight and Wednesday, cloudy; probably rain.
Local Temperature.
Maximum, 65. Minimum, 57.

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FINANCIER OUT ON BOND PENDING PROBE SHOOTING

NO VIOLENCE IN COAL STRIKE TO DATE, IS REPORT

Rumors of 100 Miners Driven from Mines in West Virginia Denied; Wage Discussion Continues in New York.

MAY INTRODUCE PLANS IN CONGRESS STOP IT

Solons Suggest Informal Conference; Miners Claim Thousands More Men Out; Kansans Defy Industrial Court.

(By The United Press.)
Beckley, W. Va., April 4.—Investigation of reports that 100 miners have been driven out of Stotesbury, W. Va., were begun today by district United Mine Workers officials and county officers.

The reports received by John Gathers, union secretary of the district, were that opposition had been aroused because an organization of mine workers was completed last week.

C. R. Stahl, official of the E. E. White Coal Company which operates the colliers at Stotesbury today made vigorous denial of the report.

Continue Wage Parley.

(By The United Press.)
New York, April 4.—Discussion of wage demands, with the miners presenting data, continued today at the meeting here of the sub-committee of anthracite operators and miners.

With the exception of one or two small independents, classified by the big companies as "wagon miners," the operators still stand firm for reduction.

May Have New Plan.

By HERBERT W. WALKER.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, April 4.—A plan for an early ending of the coal strike may be proposed within the next few days by the house labor committee, Representative Nolan California, chairman of the committee, said today.

This plan is to have the committee call an informal conference of the miners and the operators in the central competitive field who are not hostile to interstate wage negotiations. The belief of the committee is that such a conference could draw up a wage agreement, which would soon be approved by all the operators in this field.

In the anthracite field work is suspended, according to President John L. Lewis, only pending the outcome of the wage negotiations in New York.

The new plans, says Nolan, a labor leader, meets with the approval of President Lewis.

If a definite agreement were reached at the informal conference, Nolan believes, other operators in the central competitive field would be forced to approve it. From this point the circle would be widened to include all miners and operators. Nolan claims that only the operators in the Southern Ohio and the Western Pennsylvania fields have absolutely refused to meet the miners. Although Nolan is optimistic regarding the plan, others in close touch with the situation believe the operators now stand united against interstate wage negotiations and none of them would enter the informal preliminary conference.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 4.—Claims that thousands of nonunion men are swelling the ranks of miners on strike were made at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America here today.

Fragmentary reports from the non-union fields, according to officials, showed that workers were dropping their tools to join the strike of 600,000 miners which started Saturday and which has closed 6,000 mines.

Word from Kansas said that the miners there were responding to the strike call in defiance of the industrial court, which sent Alexander Howat, deposed Kansas union leader, to jail for contempt.

Lawrence Dwyer, international board member from West Virginia, declared that 11,000 unorganized workers in the New River field had dropped their picks in sympathy.

Mines Producing Coal.

William E. Green, international secretary-treasurer of the union, was expected to return late today or tomorrow from his home in Coshocton, Ohio. He likely will make public detailed reports from union officers and organizers who are in the mine field observing the effectiveness of the strike.

AVIATORS FORCED TO STOP; TO RESUME TRIP

(By The United Press.)
Las Palmas, April 4.—Bad weather forced down the Portuguese aviators who started yesterday for the Cape Verde Islands on the second leg of their 4,000 mile flight to Brazil. They were forced to land their seaplane in a bay on the island of Gran Canary, one of the largest of the Canary group.

Weather permitting, a fresh start will be made today.

OPERATORS PLAN NEW WAGE SCALE ON BASIS OF '17

Would Negotiate With Miners on Scale and Working Conditions; Give Idea of Reductions Would Suit Them.

(By The United Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., April 4.—Coal operators of the southwest today had expressed a willingness to enter into negotiations with United Mine Workers for establishment of a new wage scale and working agreement. Basis of negotiations will be a return to the wage scale of 1917 which provides for a wage of \$3.60 a day as compared with \$7.50 under the expired agreement, according to W. L. A. Johnson, general commissioner for the southwestern interstate coal operators association.

Under the 1917 scale miners would receive:

Tonnage scale of 91 cents as compared with \$1.25 in Kansas; 86 cents as against \$1.20 in Missouri; 81 cents as against \$1.15 in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Johnson declared the operators are justified in seeking this wage scale in view of competitive conditions in surrounding coal producing states.

CASUALTY LISTS OF IRISH GIVEN

(By The United Press.)
London, April 4.—Ninety persons were killed and 201 were wounded in fighting and murder and bombing outrages in Belfast between February 10 and March 26, Winston Churchill, minister for the colonies, announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

Churchill said the official casualty lists showed 32 protestants, 51 Catholics, six policemen and one officer had been slain in that period, and 86 protestants and 115 Catholics wounded.

FIRE ON U. S. SHIP IS CHECKED; LOSS \$3,000

(By The United Press.)
Hoboken, N. J., April 4.—Fire broke out today on the former United States Army Transport Mongolia of the American line. Hundreds of men at work fled from the ship.

The Mongolia was being converted into a passenger and freight liner at a dry dock here.

The fire was soon under control. It was estimated the damage could not exceed \$3,000.

Railroad service between Moscow and Kiev, Russia, has been reduced to one train a week.

RAINS BRIGHTEN CROP PROSPECTS

Rainfall during the past several days has been general throughout the county and has been greatly beneficial to agriculture, according to reports received in the office of A. F. Houston, Grady county farm agent.

Corn planting is now being urged by the county farm agent who states that the soil will be in excellent condition for corn planting as soon as the farmers are able to get into the fields with their implements. Mr. Houston is recommending the planting of early or medium maturing corn, declaring that these varieties have been more successful in the county.

Cotton planting, the farm agent says, will begin soon after April 15. Early planting of cotton is being urged by the county agriculturist. "There is always more danger of weevil getting into the late cotton," he declares.

The county's oats and barley crop has received inestimable benefits from the recent rainfall, according to Mr. Houston. These crops are up and are expected to take on a fast growth.

The rainfall gives the farmers of the county one of the brightest prospects in many years, the farm agent asserts.

The county's alfalfa crop is growing fast and unless a freeze interferes, the first cutting of the crop will be a big producer. A freeze also would "get" the peach, plum and pear crops, as these trees are now shedding their blossoms which protect the buds against early freezes.

In a manner, the farm agent says, the rains have been conducive to the development of the greenbug which has been destructive to the county's wheat crop. On the other hand, he declares, it has been more conducive to the development of the parasites, which destroy the greenbug. With a few days of sunshine and moderate weather, the greenbug will be practically exterminated in the county, Mr. Houston says.

COUNTER ATTACK IN CONGRESS ON OVER DISMISSAL

Administration Spokesmen Take Demos to Task for Criticizing Harding's Firing of Engraving Executives.

SAY MORE LOYAL TO WILSON THAN HARDING

Effort Made to Quiet Affair, But Controversy Continues; Resolution for Probe May Be Blocked, Is Belief.

By LAWRENCE MARTIN.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, April 4.—Administration spokesmen in congress today began a counter attack on democrats who criticized President Harding's action in firing all the executives of the bureau of engraving without notice.

Democrats have introduced resolutions in congress demanding investigation of the whole affair.

Now, by innuendo and indirect intimation, the administration spokesmen accuse the discharged employees of plotting with persons high in the Wilson administration to keep intact within the government service the nucleus of an effective democratic machine.

Names Are Prominent.

The names of Joseph P. Tumulty and of William G. McAdoo, former President Wilson's ex-secretary and Wilson's son-in-law, have been drawn in with the half veiled insinuation that some at least of those dismissed showed greater loyalty to Tumulty and McAdoo than to Harding and Mellon.

Orders were issued from somewhere that the Caraway resolution introduced yesterday in the senate as a means of bringing to light the charges on which Harding based his dismissals, should be held up for the present. It was intimated that the resolution would be blocked until Attorney General Daugherty has completed the inquiry he is making into conditions at the bureau, that inquiry is expected to be followed by a statement or action which will disclose the reasons for the dismissals. Such a statement or any action taken by the government would render adoption of the Caraway resolution unnecessary, it was pointed out.

Controversy To Continue.

The controversy made fair to continue, however, in spite of republican efforts to head it off. Some of the discharged employees have been promised by interested members of congress that the strongest possible fight will be made in their behalf. Democratic strategists have seized upon the incident as a political opportunity.

Altogether, the matter promises today to develop into one of the most talked of issues in the congressional campaign.

Plans New "Outrages."

President Harding is planning "new outrages on the civil service law to draw attention from the infamy of his dismissal of employees of the bureau of engraving," Senator Caraway, Arkansas, charged in the senate today in continuing his assault on the administration's civil service policy.

"In other words," said Caraway, "he is going to disgrace some more men so that the public attention may be taken away from his action of last Friday."

BRITISH COAL MINERS RETURNING TO WORK

British coal miners returning to work after the long strike found their hands so soft they could not work.

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(By The United Press.)
Borden, Okla., April 4.—P. M. Harrington appeared before a justice of peace today and demanded that he be given protection from his wife.

He filed such charges as were necessary to have his wife hauled before the justice and she showed cause why she should not be placed under peace bonds.

Harrington charges his wife often wakes angry and when she does she beats him over the head with a washboard.

NEW BOOZE RAID OVER NATION TO GET GOING SOON

Largest Army of Agents Ever Gathered Laying Plans for Simultaneous Sweep from Canada to Miami.

(By The United Press.)
Washington, April 4.—Uncle Sam's most determined effort to throttle the demon rum will be started within a week—immediately after a conference of the general prohibition chiefs of staff—it was learned today.

This war council, composed of Commissioner Roy A. Haynes, who has lined up the forces on the Canadian border; Colonel L. G. Nutt, who is returning from the army and E. C. Yellowley, who recently reorganized the forces on the Mexican frontier, will assemble Thursday or Friday to draw up the final plans for a simultaneous onslaught on rum runners via sea and land.

Pickets have been stationed all along the line from Havana to Montreal to San Diego to El Paso, gathering information from the "enemy" to be used when the new big battle begins.

The Florida division has been reinforced with thirty additional men who will co-operate with the naval forces—a flotilla of submarines now cruising in southern waters awaiting the final command for a smuggling cleanup.

Col. Nutt has stationed "spies" in Havana, Nassau and other points of vantage. They are to "tip off" the Florida commission of sea, land and air forces (one airplane is now being used at this point) on the movements of the enemy. The police are co-operating.

VESSELS COLLIDE OFF CANAL ZONE

(By The United Press.)

San Francisco, April 4.—The United States Shipping Board steamer West Hymrod and the Dutch steamer, Wolsum, collided at sea early today off Christoval, Canal Zone, according to private advices received here from Balboa.

The exact extent of the damage was not stated but the message said the Wolsum probably would have to be dry docked.

The Wolsum was bound for Port Natal, Africa, from Grays Harbor, Washington, via San Pedro. The West Hymrod was enroute from Matanzas, Cuba, to Vancouver, B. C.

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CONGRESS TODAY.

(By The United Press.)
SENATE: Agriculture committee considers the Muscle Shoals offer.
Senate to take up agricultural appropriation bill.
HOUSE: Considers state justice department appropriation bill.
Labor committee continues hearings on coal situation.
Merchant marine committee start hearings on ship subsidy bill recommended by President Harding.
Immigration committee hearing on permanent immigration policy.
Interstate commerce committee hearing on interchangeable mileage books.

FOREIGN NATIONS BUILDING NAVIES RAPIDLY IS VIEW

Senator Walsh Says America Should Do Likewise; Asks Air West Point and Annapolis; Scouts Conference.

HARDING TOLD 67,000 MAXIMUM FOR NAVY

Limit House Will Vote Say Solons to Chief; Would Be Reduction of 33,000 Men from Present Naval Strength.

(By The United Press.)
Washington, April 4.—President Harding today was told by Representative Madden, Illinois and Representative Kelly, Michigan of the house appropriation committee that the maximum naval enlisted strength the house will vote is 67,000.

This is a reduction of 23,000 from the present strength. Harding in vain sought to induce the two congressional leaders to support the views of the navy department that a strength of 90,000 to 85,000 is necessary if the United States is to maintain its proper place in the 5-5-3 ratio of naval limitation.

Both Madden and Kelly assured the president that 67,000 men is an adequate number under the naval treaty. The two congressmen denied a revolt in the navy against a naval reduction.

"Big navy" advocates now look to the senate to increase the house figures.

Other Navies Build, Says.

(By The United Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 4.—Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy are building up their air fleets rapidly; America should do likewise.

The sea fleets of today will be worthless in ten or fifteen years except as a harbor craft; great air fleets will supplant them.

The above optimizes an interview given by Senator Walsh, Massachusetts, apropos of his resolution asking for an air West Point; an air Annapolis, and an investigation as to upbuilding the American aircraft service.

Walsh declared there is considerable "bunk" about the arms conference, adding:

"It has done some good, of course, but what it really accomplished was to get rid of a lot of ships not wanted in the navy, put a restriction on just one kind of vessel and left the way open to submarines, airships and other craft."

BOND ISSUE IS LEGAL.

(By The United Press.)
Oklahoma City, April 4.—The supreme court today declared the Carter county \$500,000 road bond issue legal in every respect.

EVANSVILLE MAYOR DEAD.

(By The United Press.)
Evansville, Ind., April 4.—Benjamin Bosse, mayor of Evansville, world's largest furniture manufacturer and democratic state chairman, died early today at his home here.

DANCES SELF TO DEATH.

Muskogee, Okla., April 4.—Two hours after she collapsed on the stage of a vaudeville theatre here last night, Miss Nell Clare, New York City, died at a local hospital.

Physicians said over-exertion caused her death. She did an athletic dance.

NEW CONCRETE BRIDGES ORDERED

Contracts for the construction of two bridges in the northern district were awarded by the board of county commissioners in session yesterday in the county court house.

One of the bridges, a steel structure, will be located over Boggy Creek, four miles south of Minco, on the Meridian highway between Minco and Chickasha. This contract, calling for an expenditure of \$9,875, was awarded to the Mann Construction company of Oklahoma City.

The second structure which was contracted for yesterday will be located five miles north of Chickasha. This will be a concrete bridge costing \$4,900. The contract was awarded to Charles Steckler of this city. Work on both bridges will be started immediately.

Other than the awarding of these two contracts, only the regular routine of business was transacted by the board yesterday. The contract for the dirt work on the approach to the bridge now being constructed

BUCKET SHOPS GROWING AGAIN SAYS OFFICIAL

(By The United Press.)
New York, April 4.—Declaring that a new crop of bucket shops is springing up in the wake of his recent campaign to suppress illegal stock traders, District Attorney Banton today announced he would immediately renew his activities in the financial district.

Additional bucketshop cases will be presented to the April grand jury this week, Banton declared.

TEXAS FLOOD IS PREDICTED OVER AREAS OF RIVER

Heavy Rains Swell Trinity and Brazos; Expected General Overflow to Follow; Breaks Some Points Now.

Dallas, Texas, April 4.—Floods along the Trinity between Bridgeport and Trinidad were predicted by the weather bureau here today following a 5.8 inch rain which fell in this section last night.

The weather bureau has received reports that lakes and streams in all parts of the state were full.

More rain was predicted for Dallas and vicinity for tonight and tomorrow. It was raining this morning.

The weather bureau states that the Trinity which was running bank full here this morning, would overflow the lowlands early this afternoon.

The Brazos river at Waco rose more than 19 feet in 24 hours. The stream was still rising rapidly early today.

The East Fork river near McKinney is nearly a mile wide and heavy loss in livestock is feared.

The Texas Electric Railway reported a washout near Allen.

CHICAGO MAN IS IN POSTAL DEPT.

(By The United Press.)

Washington, April 4.—Paul Henderson, Chicago, has been chosen second assistant postmaster general. It was learned in official circles today. His nomination probably will go to the senate today or tomorrow.

Henderson, 42 years old, is a son-in-law of Congressman Madden, Illinois, served in the world war with rank of colonel, and is now engaged in the stone business at Chicago.

He succeeds E. H. Shaughnessy, who was killed in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster.

STILLWELL ATTORNEY IS TO PROSECUTE MOB RULE

(By The United Press.)

Stillwell, Okla., April 4.—County Attorney George O. Grant, of Adair county today announced he would prosecute the members of the masked mob which kidnapped him recently at Adair and took him to the outskirts of the town where he was lectured to.

The county attorney declared that despite the masks he knew the identity of some of the members of the mob of eighteen and that he would file charges against them.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM GIVEN.

A very successful community program was just recently given in the lone school near Verden, according to Harold Burton, superintendent of the school, who returned to his post yesterday afternoon after spending the weekend with relatives in Chickasha. The program, designed to promote community spirit and interest, was well attended. Superintendent Burton said.

ALLEN ANNOUNCES DATES.

Dates for the next quarterly county teachers' examination were announced today by H. F. Allen, county superintendent of schools. The tests will be given in the superintendent's office here, April 27-28-29. Fifty teachers probably will take the tests, Superintendent Allen said today.

ARMY OFFICER IS DEAD AS RESULT CAPITAL AFFAIR

Body of Post Field Commandant Found in Home of Judge J. P. Day With Bullet Hole in Head, Say Officers.

FOLLOWED BRIDGE PARTY, INVESTIGATORS DECLARE

Alleged Statement by Judge Says Saw Beck Grab Wife; Struck at Him With Gun, It Went Off; to Hear Witnesses.

(By The United Press.)
Oklahoma City, April 4.—Judge Jean P. Day, at whose residence here Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck, commandant of Post Field, army aviation headquarters near Lawton, Okla., was found dead early today, was released on \$5,000 bond pending a coroner's inquest to be held Saturday afternoon. The county attorney's office declared emphatically no charges have been filed against Judge Day and none will be until the inquest is held.

Bond of \$5,000 was agreed upon by County Attorney Hughes and Motion Picture, acting as counsel for Judge Day. Frank P. Johnson, president of the American National bank gave his certified check for \$5,000 to Day's bond.

County and city officers who visited the Day home shortly after the officer's death and army officers of Post Field will be called as witnesses at the inquest, Hughes said.

Alleged Statement Given.

Judge Day is alleged to have given the following version of Lieutenant-Colonel Beck's death to county evidence man, W. R. Withington:

"A number of people had been at my home where we were having a party, my friends, and I had just taken some of them home. When I returned I drove up on the drive way beside the house.

"The window blinds were up and the lights were on so I could see in the house. I stopped my car and saw Beck grab at my wife. They had quite a scuffle.

"I got out of my car, went into the front door and upstairs. As I went upstairs Beck ran into the dining room behind the curtains.

"When I came back down with my gun in my hand I told Beck to get out of the house. He started at me as though he was going to hit me and I struck at him with my gun. I aimed to hit him over the head and the gun went off and shot Beck.

"We had eaten dinner at the Skirvin with Beck before the party at home. I have known him for some time and he has visited my house a number of times.

Commander Post Field.

(By The United Press.)
Lawton, Okla., April 4.—Lieut. Col. Beck came to Post Field in April, 1921 as a student officer. After completing a course in the aerial observation school he assumed command of Post Field in the latter part of July. He was 44 years old.

Col. Beck lived with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Beck, 77, here. He has one son, 24, who is a lieutenant in the ordnance department at the Watertown arsenal, Watertown, Mass.

Beck received his original appointment to the army from Colorado. He was born in Texas December 1, 1876.

His father was a general in the army. His first appointment was a second lieutenant of the Fifth U. S. Infantry, September 1, 1899. Later he went to the signal corps, aviation section. Col. Beck came to Post Field from the air service pilots school at Carlstrom Field.

Major Lomer has assumed command of Post Field.

Body in Parlor.

The alleged murder was said to have followed a bridge party at the Day home. According to the guests, the officer's death occurred between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, after Judge Day had escorted all of them to their homes. County authorities found Beck's body in the parlor of the Day residence. It was their opinion that death had been practically instantaneous.

The dead officer and the judge have been friends for several months according to guests at the party. Beck, they say, was a frequent visitor at the Day home and to all outward appearances there was the utmost cordiality between the lieutenant-colonel and the judge.

Beck was said to be well known in Washington society circles. His wife died there about two years ago (Continued on page eight.)